

REMARKS

Before presenting the Applicant's arguments against the outstanding 2nd non-final Office Action, the Applicant notes that claims of this application were preliminarily amended as of October 5, 2005 before the 1st non-final Office Action of April 4, 2007. It is however thought that the first Office Action of April 2007 was issued based on the originally filed claims of this application, not on the preliminarily amended claims submitted on October 5, 2005. The preliminary amended claims are exactly the same as listed in the "List of Claims" section on page 2 of this paper. Please refer to applicant's preliminary amendment as of October 5, 2005.

Claims 1 to 12 are pending in the present application and Claims 1 to 7 are currently under examination. No amendment to claims has been made in response to the outstanding 2nd non-final Office Action. Applicant respectfully request further consideration of claims 8 to 12. It is however believed that the subject matter recited in claims 8 to 12 have already been considered by the Examiner through the 1st and 2nd Office Actions.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1 to 7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Kim** (KR 1020000014672) in view of **Inada** et al. (U.S. Patent No. 7,261,972). Claim 1 is independent and claims 2 to 7 are dependent from claim 1 directly. Claims 8 to 12 are dependent directly from claim 7.

Applicant respectfully submits that **Inada** does not qualify as prior art under U.S.C. 102(e). That is, the priority date of this application is April 7, 2003, but the reference date of **Inada** is, at the earliest, July 25, 2003, which is International Filing Date of **Inada**, assuming that the International Application was published in English.

In order to perfect the priority of this application, applicant will be submitting an English translation of Korean Patent Application No. 10-2003-0021680 filed on April 7, 2003 within the next couple of weeks.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1 and 7 currently on file be allowed. Claims 2 to 6 and claims 8 to 12 are also believed to be allowable, by virtue of their direct

dependency from the allowable claims 1 and 7 respectively.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and subsequent allowance of this application are therefore courteously requested.

If there are any charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account no. 06-1130 maintained by Applicant's agents.

Respectfully submitted,

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